GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SECURITY TO WITNESSES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any system of providing security to the witnesses of crime and compensation to the victims of crime is existing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is intending to revise/amend the existing system to strengthen the security for the witnesses and compensate the victims of crime; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)&(b): Section 357 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 provides for payment of compensation to the victims of crime. There is no provision in the Cr.PC for providing security to the witnesses of crime but such security is provided if directed by the Court or the need is felt for the same by the prosecuting agency.

(c): No Sir.

(d): Does not arise.